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OF

MARYLAND,

CONVENED AT

WOODSBOROUGH, FREDERICK COUNTY,

ON THE

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WOODSBOROUGH, FREDERICK COUNTY, MD.
October 19*th*, 1835.

The clerical and lay members of the Synod of Maryland, assembled in this place on Saturday the 17th inst. agreeably to a resolution of last synod, and in the evening attended divine service, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Cline, on Amos vi. 1, "*Woe to to them that are at ease in Zion.*"

On Lord's day a prayer meeting was held at 9 o'clock; at ten o'clock public worship commenced, on which occasion the Rev. J. G. Morris preached. Text, Ps. 137; 5, 6, *If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning, If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.* After which the Lord's Supper was administered by several of the brethren. In the afternoon the Rev. A. Reck preached on Judges, v., 23, *Curse ye Meroz, (said the angel of the Lord,) curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.*

At night the Rev. J. Kehler preached on Isaiah xlviii., 22—*There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.* After which several addresses were delivered by various brethren. The Rev. Messrs. Wachter, J. Reck, and Hauer performed divine service at a neighboring church in the country, and the Rev. Mr. Winter at the Reformed Methodist Church in the village. Rev. Mr. Weiser preached on the preceding Saturday afternoon, and the Rev. B. Kurtz on Friday.

Monday Morning, 9 *o'clock.*

The members of the synod assembled in the church, when the business was commenced by singing a hymn, and prayer, led by the President.

The following is a list of the present members of this body.

I. Rev. D. Kurtz, D. D., Baltimore.
II. " D. F. Schaeffer, Fredericktown.
III. " A. Reck, Middletown.
IV. " B. Kurtz, Baltimore.
V. " J. Kehler, Cumberland.
VI. " M. Wachter, Fredericktown.
VII. " J. Winter, Clearspring.
VIII. " J. G. Morris, Baltimore.
IX. " J. Albert, Manchester.
X. " L. Eichelberger, Winchester, Va.
XI. " H. Haverstick, Louisville, Ky.
XII. " S. Finkle, Taneytown.
XIII. " P. Rizer, New Albany, Ind.
XIV. " C. F. Schaeffer, Hagerstown.
XV. " J. P. Cline, Smithsburg.
XVI. " D. Hauer, Loudon, Va.
XVII. " J. Reck, Greencastle, Pa.
XVIII. " N. W. Goertner, Winchester, Va.
XIX. " S. Harkey, Williamsport.
XX. " J. Harpel, (admit. this ses.) Jefferson.
XXI. " Weiser, do do Martinsburg, Va.

The Rev. Messrs. Haverstick and Albert were absent, the latter without excuse.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. Lewis Medtart, Frederick.
" John Shindler, Middletown,
Dr. John Oswald, Baltimore.
Mr. George Shank, Woodsboro.
" Jacob Houck, Clearspring.
" Abrm. Lichtenwalter, Taneytown.
" Charles G. Lane, Hagerstown.
" George Jacobs, Smithsburg.
" William Slater, Loudon, Va.
" Jacob Runnamos, Martinsburg.
" Henry Ohr, Jefferson.
" E. Brewer, Williamsport.

Rev. Messrs. Reuben Weiser, of W. Penn., and J. Harpel, of E. Pennsylvania Synod, were admitted as members of this synod, they having removed within our bounds.

The President now read his report. (For which see appendix.)

The officers re-elected are,

Rev. M. Wachter, *President*,
Rev. J. G. Morris, *Secretary*,
Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, *Treasurer*.

On motion the reading of the minutes of last session was dispensed with.

The President called for letters and papers to be laid before the Synod, when several documents were presented, which were numbered and presented by the President to various committees for consideration and report.

1st committee, Rev. Dr. Kurtz, D. F. Schaeffer, L. Medtart.
2d " " B. Kurtz, J. Kehler, Dr. Oswald.
3d " " J. Winter, C. F. Schaeffer, Mr. J. Houck.
4th " " A. Reck, D. Hauer, W. Slater.
5th " " S. Finkle, R. Weiser, A. Lichtenwalter.
6th " " J. Reck, J. R. Cline, G. Jacobs.
7th " " J. Harpel, and Mr. Runnamos.

The Rev. Messrs. Lewis Eichelberger, and J. M. G. Shank, were appointed to examine and report on the treasurer's books.

The Synod adjourned to attend public worship at 11 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. Harpel.

The Rev. C. F. Shaeffer preached on Rom. i. 20, "*They are without excuse.*"

Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Reck. The Rev. Mr. Haesbert was introduced as delegate from East Pennsylvania Synod, and cordially received.

The members were now called on for their parochial reports, which are as follows:

	Cong.	Bapt.	Conf.	Com.	Deaths.	Schools.
Rev. Dr. Kurtz,	0	34	0	0	34	0
" D. F. Schaeffer,	2	311	51	793	53	2
" A. Reck,	2	83	14	356	29	4
" J. Kehler,	5	50	28	332	17	2
" B. Kurtz,	Ed.	Luth.	Obs.			
" M. Wachter,	5	102	25	465	24	1
" J. Winter,	1	8	15	120	11	2
" J. G. Morris,	1	46	7	140	31	1
" J. Albert,	2	0	0	0	0	0
" L. Eicherberger,	0	15	8	90	10	0
" H. Haverstick,	No	report				0
" S. Finkle,	3	28	21	516	14	1
" P. Rizer,	0	18	0	100	0	0
" C. F. Schaeffer,	2	69	46	419	27	2
" J. P. Cline,	5	57	44	480	21	2
" D. Hauer,	2	50	34	349	19	1
" J. Reck,	1	83	22	284	24	1
" N. W. Goetner,	1	13	0	100	0	0
" S. Harkey,	2	35	15	200	29	2
" J. Harpel,	No	report				
" R. Weiser,	2	20	10	185	6	2

The Rev. Mr. Hoffmeier, of the German Reformed Church, was admitted as an advisory member.

The committee to whom was referred papers No. 1, reported, but on motion, it was referred to the ministerium. Their papers related to the case of Mr. S. K. Hoshour, an apostate minister, formerly of our church.

The committee on 'The President's Address reported as folfows.

The committe to whom was referred the address of the President, beg leave to report, that they have examined the document, and mingle their congratulations with the President, on the favorable state of the church which his report presents. The President recommends to the special patronage of the Synod a work entitled "Henry and Antonio," an interesting work on the Romish controversy, exhibiting the monstrous absurdites of that church. He also recommends "The Lutheran Observer," the only religious paper at present published in our

church, and which deserves the support of every genuine Lutheran. Your committee entirely agree with the President in these recommendations, and hope that these and other works issued by our ministers will be liberally sustained. The President mentions his licensure of J. J. Lechmanowsky, and as it remains for the Synod to confirm or annul that act, your committee would move that it be confirmed, and that the license of that gentlemen be renewed for another year.

B. KURTZ,
J. KEHLER,
J. OSWALD.

The report was adopted.

The committee on papers No. 3, reported as follows:

The third committee appointed to examine the papers marked No. 3 respectfully report:

No. 1. Is a letter from Rev. J. J. Lehmanowsky, dated Raysville, Indiana, September 22d, requesting a renewal of his license, which expires at this meeting of the Synod. It contains information of such a nature as in the opinion of the committee entitles it to be read before the Ministerium.

The committee therefore move to refer it to the Ministerium.

No. 2. Is a letter dated Jonesboro', Illinois, in the form of a call for a minister. It describes the destitute condition of the signers, in language so pathetic and forcible, that in place of stating its general contents, the committee deem it proper to advise the reading of it before the Synod, for the information of all.

The committee therefore move that it be read before the Synod.

JOHN WINTER,
CHARLES F. SCHAEFFER,
JACOB HOUCK.

This report was adopted, and the letter of Mr. Lehmanowsky referred to the Ministerium.

The committee on paper No. 4, reported, but the whole business was referred to the ministerium.

The committee on paper No. 5, reported as follows:

The committe on paper No. 5, which consisted of the minutes of the Hartwick Synod, respectfully beg leave to report,

that these minutes contain nothing of particular importance in reference to this body, but the statistics of it; but we are gratified to see that our brethren of the Hartwick Synod, are actively engaged in the missionary and education cause. We bid them God speed.

S. D. FINCKEL,
Chairman of the Committee.

This report was adopted.

The committee on paper No. 6, reported as follows:

The committee on paper No. 6, beg leave to report, that to it was submitted the proceedings of a Convention held in Jeffersontown, Jefferson County, Kentucky, October 11th, 1834.

This convention was called for the purpose of enquiring into the state of our church in that part of the west, and consult upon the practicability of organizing a new Synod. Three or four ministers from the adjoining states, addressed communications to this convention, expressing their desire to unite in forming a new Synod. Those brethren in the west, though few in number, appear to be actuated by the spirit of their divine master; they have warmly recommended to the people of their various charges, our religious periodicals, and also the standard works of our church. As the doctrines of the Lutheran church have been shamefully misrepresented in that part of the country, those brethren published a synopsis of some of the doctrines of our church, attached to their minutes, embracing the *atonement of Christ, regeneration, baptism, &c.* Fifteen copies of their minutes were designed for this body. The convention resolved to meet again in Louisville, Kentucky, on the first Sunday of October, 1835. From the proceedings before us it appears, that the paucity of ministers is very great, the words of our Saviour may here be applied, "The harvest is truly great, but the laborers few." Your committee would respectfully recommend to this body, to render all possible aid to our destitute brethren in the far west, in supplying those wants.

JOHN RECK,
JOHN P. CLINE,
GEORGE JACOBS.

This report was adopted.

The committee on paper No. 7, reported as follows:

The committee on paper No. 7, which consits of the minutes of the Synod of the Eastern District of Ohio, and also the minutes of North Carolina, report, that they find nothing in the latter that has reference to this Synod; in the former they find nothing, but that the Rev. Mr. Herter, licensed by Prest. Wachter, has been received as a member of that body.

J. HARPEL,
JOHN RUNAMOS.

This report was adopted.

Moved, that when this Synod adjourn, it adjourn at 4 o'clock, to give time to the education society to hold its meeting.

The brethren were called on for their contributions to the Synodical Treasury.

Lewis Medtart, Frederick, - - -	$10 00
John Shindler, Middletown, - - -	7 00
Rev. J. Kehler, Cumberland, - - - -	5 00
G. Shank, Woodsboro, - - - -	5 00
J. Houck, Clearspring, - - - - -	5 00
Dr. Oswald, Baltimore, - - - -	10 00
A. Lichtenwalter, Taneytown, - - -	5 94
Rev. L. Eichelberger, Winchester, - -	5 00
C. G. Lane, Hagerstown, - - - -	5 00
G. Jacobs, Smithsburg, - - - -	10 50
W. Slater, Loudon Co. - - - -	6 75
E. Brewer, Williamsport, - - - -	5 00
J. Runnamos, Shepherdstown, - - -	5 00
	$95 19

The subject of district conferences being introduced, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the regulations respecting district conferences, and report to the Synod.

Rev. Messrs. C. C. Schaeffer, A. Reck, and R. Weiser, were appointed.

The election for directors to the Theological Seminary was now held, which resulted in the choice of Rev. A. Reck, for five years, and John A. Bentz, Esq., of Baltimore, for five years, in the place of Lewis Medtart, Esq., whose time has expired.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, report they have examined the same, and the requisite vouchers, that during the past year the receipts into the treasury have been $161 08, and expenditures $23 28—leaving in the treasury a balance of $137 80—all of which is respectfully submitted.

L. EICHELBERGER, }
GEO. SHANK, } Committee.

The subject of missions being brought up, after some discussion it was,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report such additional regulations, as may be deemed requisite for sustaining the cause of missions by this body. Rev. Messrs. B. Kurtz, Eichelberger, and Morris were appointed.

The Synod now adjourned agreeably to a previous resolution for the purpose of holding the Education Convention, for which proceedings, see appendix (B.)

This evening the annual meeting of the Synodical Education Society was held, for which see appendix B.

Tuesday Morning, 8½ *o'clock*.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Kurtz.

The Rev. Solomon Oswald, of the synod of Virginia, now residing in Maryland, was admitted as an advisory member.

During this morning's session the Rev. Mr. Goertner also appeared and took his seat.

The committee appointed to revise the regulations respecting district conferences were called on for their report, but requested further time for consideration, which was granted.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rev. J. Winter, and Mr. L. Medtart, be added to the committee.

The subject of missions was again introduced, but after some discussion it was further postponed.

A long discussion now took place on the subject of the boundary of this Synod, after which it was *Resolved*, That with the approbation of the Synod of Virginia, the state boundary shall constitute the limits of the two synods.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our ministers to attach themselves to the synods within whose bounds they reside.

Resolved, That as a rigid observance of the foregoing regulations might in some instances subject ministers and churches to serious inconvenience, therefore, in such instances they may attach themselves to that synod which it would be most convenient for them to attend, provided the synods concerned give their consent.

Resolved, That the secretary inform the Synod of Virginia, and the congregations in Virginia and Pennsylvania, whose ministers belong to this synod, of the passage of the preceding resolution.

Resolved, That the consitution be so altered as to confine the election for officers, after the first balloting to the two highest candidates voted for.

Resolved, That the president of the Synod, after one re-election, shall not be re-eligible at the next succeeding election.

The delegates to the different sister synods were now appointed. Rev. Mr. Eichelberger, to the Synod of Virginia; Rev. B. Kurtz, to the Synod of east Pennsylvania; Rev. Mr. Goertner, to the synod of New York; the same gentleman to the Synod of Hartwick.

Resolved, That 500 copies of these proceedings be printed and distributed at the discretion of the Secretary.

The choice for the place and time of the next meeting of the Synod was now made. Boonsboro' is the place, and the third Sunday of October, 1836, the time.

The Synod adjourned to attend public worship. Prayer by the Rev. C. Schaeffer. The Rev. Mr. Haesbert of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, preached on the General Judgment, in the German language, and was followed in an animated address by the Rev. Dr. Kurtz.

Tuesday Afternoon, 1½ o'clock.

The Missionary Convention was now held, for the proceedings of which see appendix C.

The synod then resumed its deliberations, when it was

Resolved, That the treasurer pay $100 of the Synodical funds to the treasurer of the Missionary Society, for the benefit of that society.

Resolved, That $10 be paid by the treasurer to the widow of the late Rev. F. Haas.

Resolved, That the treasurer pay $50 of the Synodical funds to Dr. Gilbert, the treasurer of the Parent Education Society, for the use of that society.

The Synod adjourned. Prayer by the Secretary.

The Ministerium.

The lay delegates having been dismissed and thanked for their valuable services, the ordained ministers held a session for the transaction of special business.

The papers referred to committee No. 3, were now introduced and read. One was a letter from J. J. Lehmanowsky, asking for a renewal of his license, which had been granted by the President *ad interim.* The President was directed to proceed in this case as is usual, and to grant the request if the applicant has conformed to the required usages and rules.

The committee on paper No. 1, now reported, and after some discussion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Hoshour, having changed his religious creed in some of the essential and fundamental articles of religion as held and taught among us, has thereby voluntarily separated himself from all connexion with the Lutheran church, and cannot longer be considered a member.

Resolved, also, that the Synod for the above reason expunge the name of S. K. Hoshour from the list of its ministers, that it no longer considers him a member of the Lutheran church, and that he may live to see, feel and acknowledge his errors, is the prayer of all those to whom he was once ardently attached.

Some difficulties respecting a church having been submitted to the Synod for decision, and the parties concerned having asked friendly advice, the matter was satisfactorily and amicably settled, the whole difficulty having arisen from a missapprehension of language employed by one of the parties.

The licenses of the Rev. Messrs. Harkey and Rizer were on application renewed.

A committee was appointed to ordain the Rev. Mr. Goertner, in Winchester, on the last Sunday of November. Messrs.

Winter, C. F. Schaeffer, A. Reck, B. Kurtz, Wachter, and Weiser were appointed.

The business of the Synod and Ministerium having now been finished, the brethren united with the President in a fervent prayer to Almighty God, blessing him for his merciful protection over us, and beseeching him to continue his gracious aid to us.

JOHN G. MORRIS, *Secretary.*

Woodsboro', October 19th, 1835.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS

Of the President of the Synod of Maryland.

My beloved Brethren in the Lord,

It affords me great pleasure to meet you on this interesting occasion, and offer you my sincere and cordial congratulations, on being privileged to convene for the first time, in this village, as an ecclesiastical body, to deliberate and act with each other, upon the important matters which concern the church of Christ, and the salvation of souls; this is certainly a loud call upon us, to praise and thank the Almighty ruler of the universe. Since our last convention at Clearspring, general health and prosperity have dwelt in our land, our church has enjoyed the benign smiles of her God and Saviour, her borders have been extended, her members increased, the ranks of her ministers have not been thinned, but on the contrary augmented, and in short the most favorable aspects present themselves throughout. During the past year several new congregations have been organized, new churches reared for the Christian worship of Almighty God, and such as were in a state of dilapidation have been repaired, and others enlarged. These facts speak loud, and must no doubt be attributed to an increase of vital godliness among our people, and the more general diffusion of a correct knowledge of our doctrines and church government. Indeed, the circumstances

and occurrences of the past Synodical year, when duly considered, cannot fail to fill our hearts with sentiments of devout gratitude to the God of heaven, for the many proofs of his loving kindness towards us. There is to my knowledge not a church in our connexion, that has not continued to prosper and increase since our last annuel meeting. Conferences and meetings on sacramental occasions of two or three days continuance, by ministers and christian friends, in different congregations have exerted the happiest and choicest influence in awakening sinners, and confirming believers in the glorious principles of the Gospel of Jesus.

Prayer meetings conducted in accordance with the word of God, are generally well attended, and perseveringly encouraged by ministers and people. Bible classes, and Sunday schools are receiving more and more attention, and their blessed effects are visible wherever they have been introduced. The temperance cause whlch is so closely united with the benevolent operations of the day, is succesfully promoted in different parts of our church.

Soon after our last annual meeting, I received a letter from the Rev. George Herter, a licensed candidate, stating that he had accepted a call from several churches, at and near Petersburg, Columbiana county, Ohio, and felt it his duty to become a member of the Synod of that state. The Rev. J. N. Hoffman, and J. Medtart, were also regularly and constitutionaliy dismissed from this Synod. The former is now a member of the West Pennsylvania, and the latter laboring in Philadelphia, has become a member of the East Pennsylvania Synod.

Our churches in Martinsburg and Shepherdstown, Virginia, vacated by the removal of the Rev. J. Medtart, are again supplied with the preached gospel, by the Rev. R. Weiser, late of St. Thomas, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; and the churches in and near Boonsboro, Washington County, Maryland, vacated by the Rev. P. Rizer, are now supplied by the Rev. S. Oswald, late of the Gettysburg Seminary. The Rev. J. Harpel, of Penn township, Philadelphia County, has taken charge of a new parish, composed of congregations formerly under the care of the Rev. A. Reck. His place of residence is Jefferson, Frederick County, Maryland. We sincerely hope that the great head of

the church, the Lord Jesus Christ, may be pleased with the location of these brethren, and prosper their labors of love, to the salvation of many souls.

On the 6th of May last, by the advice of several of my brethren, I licensed J. J. Lehmanowsky, to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments, to our destitue church members in Raysville, Henry County, Indiana. It now becomes the duty of this Synod to confirm or annul this act of mine.

It is well known that Popery is now making every exertion in the United States, to gain (if it were possible) the ascendancy over the Protestant Church. I would therefore most earnestly recommend to every member of our church, "Henry and Antonio or the Proselytes of the Romish and Evangelical Churches. Translated from the German of C. G. Bretschnieder, D. D. &c. &c. General Superintendent of Gotha, with additional notes by a minister of our church." This work I consider deservedly the best popular manual on the Catholic controversy I have ever seen, and which I would rejoice to see in every family in the land, both Protestant and Catholic.

The Lutheran Observer is at present, the only vehicle of information of the state and doings of our church, and the editor tells us that he entered on the third volume with a degree of Misztrauen, i. e. as he himself explained it, with diffidence or a want of confidence in our final success. Considering the past usefulness of this publication, and its vast importance to the interests of our church, I would earnestly recommend that every member of this Synod, take an active part in its prosperity, and exert himself to ensure its further continuance and increased usefulness, by endeavoring to enlarge its patronage.

Brethren, I have nothing more to communicate in my report. I conclude with the ardent prayer, that the Lord Jesus Christ, the great head of the church, may direct us in all our deliberations,—may this our present meeting be for good,—may God continue to favor us with His gracious presence and blessing, in all our labors for the glory of His holy name; and when we shall be called from this world of sin and sorrow, may we meet each other there, where our faith shall be changed into sight, and our hope into possession.

MICHAEL WACHTER, *President.*

(B.)

Monday, Oct. 19, 1835.

The Synod having adjourned at 4 o'clock, the Education Society held a meeting.

Mr. L. Medtart, the Treasurer, reported as follows:

Lewis Medtart, in account with Missionary and Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Maryland and Virginia.

1834.		1834.	
Oct. 27, D. M. and E. C. Y. each $20,	$40 00	Oct. 20, balance in the treasury, - - -	$173 50
1835.		" Collected at Clear Spring, Md. - -	34 57
Feb. 16 " " "	40 00	" Miss. and Ed. So. of Martinsburg, Va. Rev. J. Medtart, - -	12 00
April 22, E. C. Y. - -	25 00	" Juvenile Miss. and Ed. So. of do do	3 00
June 4, do - - -	17 50	1835. Feb. 3, Juv. Miss. and Ed. So. of Fredk. Master J. B. Heim, - - -	20 34
" 29, D. M. - - -	20 00	July 24, do do Master W. Harrison,	3 00
Aug. 26, do - - -	15 00	Subscription of members,	6 00
" do - - -	17 50		
Oct. 19, balance in the treasury,	77 41		
	$252 41		$252 41

Resolved, That the Education Society of the Synod of Maryland, declare itself auxiliary to the General Parent Education Society of the Lutheran church, transfer its funds into its treasury, and use all their influence to promote its design, provided that the Parent Society take into their patronage the beneficiaries now supported by us.

On Monday night a meeting was held, at which the following resolutions were passed.

Resolved, That the pressing wants of our church demand of us the most untiring efforts to supply the destitute with a preached gospel, and that we regard the gratuitous education of pious and indigent young men for the ministry, as the most efficient means of bringing about that desirable result. Messrs. Morris, and C. F. Schaeffer, spoke on this resolution.

Resolved, That a collection be now taken up in aid of the funds of the Society. Messrs. Kurtz and Finkle spoke on this resolution, after which a collection was taken up, amounting to near $200, which will be shortly transmitted to the treasurer at Gettysburg.

(C.)

Missionary Convention.

After the business of the Synod was transacted, the ministers formed a Missionary Association, which met on Tuseday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. D. F. Schaeffer was appointed chairman, and S. D. Finckel, secretary.

1. A constitution for the society was proposed by Rev. B. Kurtz, and unanimously adopted.

2. It was *resolved*, that this society shall be auxiliary to the Central Missionary Society.

3. The following resolution was adopted. *Resolved*, That every person by subscribing any amount, may become a member of this society.

4. Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, President.
L. Eichelberger, Vice-President.
S. D. Finckel, Secretary.
A. Reck, Treasurer.

5. The members were now called on for contributions.

6. *Resolved*, That any person subscribing $10, may become a member for life of this society.

7. *Resolved*, That this society employ the Rev. J. Reck, as a missionary to the west, and that the society allow him $150 for one year's services.

8. *Resolved*, That the letter addressed to Rev. B. Kurtz from Jonesborough, be referred to the executive committee of the Central Missionary Society.

S. D. FINCKEL, *Secretary*.

Constitution of the Missionary Society of the Synod of Maryland.

1. This society shall be called "The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland."

2. Its object shall be to send missionaries to our destitute churches, and to aid in the support of missionaries whose congregations are unable to raise a sufficient support for them.

3. Its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usually performed by such officers, in similar societies.

4. The officers shall also constitute a missionary committee, who shall act as a board of directors, and executive committee, and perform such duties as shall be assigned them by the society.

5. This Society shall be auxiliary to the "Central Missionary Society," and the surplus funds of this society shall be transmitted by the Treasurer, to the Treasurer of the Central Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran church, to be disposed of agreeably to the constitution of that institution.

6. It shall be the duty of all the ministers of the Maryland Synod, annually, to take up at least one collection in aid of the funds of this society; and to promote the general objects of the society, by co-operating with the agent of the central society, and by all other means which they may deem judicious and practicable.

7. This society shall hold its annual meeting at the time and place of the meeting of the Synod of Maryland.

Directors of the Seminary from this Synod.

	When elected.	Time.	When to expire.
Rev. J. G. Morris,	1831,	5 years,	1836.
" J. Winter,	1834,	3 "	1837.
" B. Kurtz,	1834,	5 "	1839.
" A. Reck,	1835,	5 "	1840.
Mr. J. Baugher,	1833,	5 "	1838.
" J. Bentz,	1835,	5 "	1840.